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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 4 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

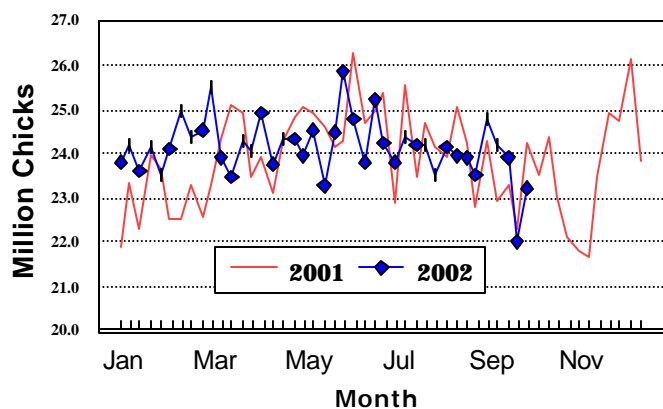
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 23.2 million during the week ending October 12, 2002. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week in 2001, but up 6 percent from the previous week, and included 2.8 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through October 12, 2002 were 990.2 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 24.0 million, down 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up 3 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.1 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.7 percent.

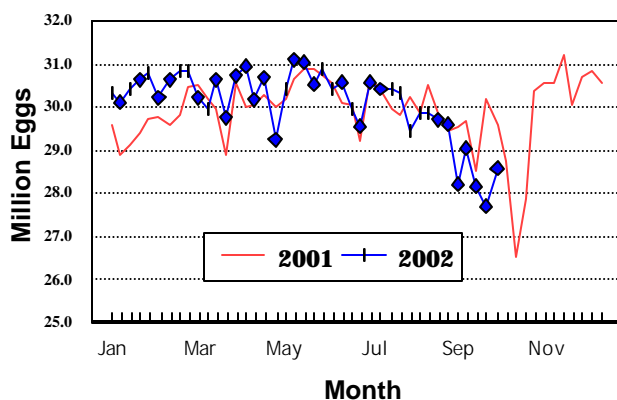
Arkansas hatcheries set 28.6 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending October 12, 2002, down 3 percent from the same period last year, but up 3 percent from the revised previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Sep. 7	22,787	23,531	103	24,665	24,472	99	29,469	29,592	100
Sep. 14	24,293	24,809	102	25,249	24,573	97	29,579	28,201	95
Sep. 21	22,941	24,224	106	24,739	24,474	99	29,665	29,050	98
Sep. 28	23,268	23,894	103	24,447	24,459	100	28,546	28,177	99
Oct. 5	22,290	22,026	99	24,395	23,261	95	30,178	27,703	92
Oct. 12	24,248	23,237	96	24,607	24,017	98	29,619	28,585	97

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2001-2002



EGGS SET 2001-2002



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2002

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	21-Sep	28-Sep	05-Oct	12-Oct		07-Sep	14-Sep	21-Sep	28-Sep	05-Oct	12-Oct	
Alabama	27,859 *	27,425	27,660	27,320	101	22,701	21,866	21,530	21,738	20,473	20,950	99
ARKANSAS	29,050	28,177	27,703 *	28,585	97	23,531	24,809	24,224	23,894	22,026	23,237	96
Delaware	3,091	3,198	3,408	3,293	96	5,394	4,889	5,601	4,541	5,255	4,794	102
Florida	2,192	2,254	2,168	2,130	96	2,222	1,938	2,228	2,110	2,278	1,939	94
Georgia	30,155 *	29,102	29,882	29,779	96	25,094	26,231	25,503	26,252	23,634 *	24,806	103
Kentucky	5,693 *	6,844	6,318	5,936	107	5,459	5,518	5,260	5,039	5,052	4,571	86
Maryland	8,711	9,242	8,898	9,510	101	6,270	6,187	5,765	5,502	4,934	4,678	81
Mississippi	17,661 *	17,244	17,390	17,522	102	15,940	15,372	15,340	15,348	14,622	14,841	96
N. Carolina	16,025 *	17,018	16,611	17,243	100	14,700	14,308	14,240	14,070	13,357	12,503	82
Oklahoma	5,975	4,013	4,631	5,498	90	4,742	4,136	4,623	3,846	5,470	4,049	83
Pennsylvania	3,358	3,505	3,746	3,359	96	2,780	2,810	2,796	2,779	2,636	2,500	92
S. Carolina	4,833	4,678	4,885	4,480	93	3,827	4,111	4,096	3,498	3,670	3,636	97
Texas	13,225	15,067	14,410	13,910	98	11,423	10,572	11,173	11,883	11,822	10,330	94
Virginia	4,987	6,104	5,751	5,729	92	4,611	5,422	4,938	5,204	4,937	4,701	93
CALAMO,IN,WV	17,036	18,756	18,962 *	18,654	98	18,542	18,585	17,910	18,866	16,990 *	16,718	97
Total 2002	189,851 *	192,627	192,423 *	192,948		167,236	166,754	165,227	164,570	157,156 *	154,253	
Total 2001	199,865	201,736	205,355	196,919		167,090	167,537	166,119	160,598	156,354	162,521	
% Prev. Year	95	95	94	98		100	100	99	102	101	95	
Approximate Marketing Date 2002.....						26-Oct	02-Nov	09-Nov	16-Nov	23-Nov	30-Nov	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 193 million eggs during the week ending October 12, 2002. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 5 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 154 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 12, 2002. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through October 12, 2002 were 6.92 billion.

The 15 State total was discontinued on May 15, 2002.